

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The December 2, 2014, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Hanford, Rasmussen, Kamp, Davis, Gamble, and Goering.

Staff members present: Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Haley, Nelson, Quenzer, Martinson, and Warthan; City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas and recited by attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Monroe High School (Principal Lombardi)

Mayor Thomas introduced Mr. Lombardi, who gave a presentation, including the programs they have in place to improve the quality of education; Ninth Grade success; math passing rates; algebra success; fundamental Freshman needs; targeted interventions and results of the programs; Bearcat U (Summer success program – reading strategies, motivation, organization); the results statistics; and next steps. They are ranked as a “good” school and are on cusp of “exemplary” school.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke regarding East Monroe and the 2015 Budget: Lowell Anderson.

The following person spoke regarding Downtown parking signs and times: Dan Lefleur.

The following person spoke regarding Downtown events: Una Wirkebau-Hartt, including live snow, live music, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Santa Pony, Santa photos, Bon Jovi tribute band, fire pit, animal petting, paint ball, and tree lighting; and the Walmart Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 7:30am on Wednesday.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; November 18, 2014, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments
3. AB14-161: Accept the North Blakeley Water Main Project and Begin the 45-day Lien Period

Councilmember Goering moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB14-162: Resolution No. 025/2014 Amending Parking Regulations

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on AB14-162, including other proposed language for an amendment, which was included at a citizen's request.

General discussion ensued.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve Resolution No. 025/2014 (SUB), amending parking restrictions in the City of Monroe and repealing Resolution No. 2012/028; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

2. AB14-163: Ordinance No. 017/2014 Amending Impact Fee Waivers; First Reading

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on AB14-163; and provided an amended ordinance.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 017/2014 (SUB), repealing Ordinance No. 007/2014; amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 20.07, School Impact Mitigation Fee Program, Chapter 20.10, Park Impact Fees, and Chapter 20.12, Transportation Impact Fees; establishing certain public interest exemptions to the City's Impact Fee Regulations; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB14-164: Ordinance No. 018/2014 Adopting 2015 Budget; First Reading

Ms. Dianne Nelson, provided background information on 2015 Budget, including a summary of key points and changes compared to Fiscal Year 2014; and answered Council questions thereto.

Councilmember Hanford moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 018/2014, adopting the budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

2. AB14-165: Ordinance No. 019/2014 Amending 2014 Budget; First Reading

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, provided background information, including explaining the eight items that will be adjusted.

Councilmember Gamble moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 019/2014, amending the budget for fiscal year 2014 to account for new revenues and expenditures; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

3. AB14-166: Ordinance No. 020/2014 Amending MMC 8.04, Animal Control; First Reading

Chief Timothy Quenzer gave background information, including the areas that are being amended.

Councilmember Goering moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 020/2014, amending Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 8.04, Animal Control, relating to the definition of dangerous dogs and certificates of registration for dangerous dogs; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

4. AB14-167: Authorize Mayor to Sign Municipal Court Judge Contract

Mr. Ben Warthan, Human Resources Manager, gave background information on AB14-167.

Councilmember Kamp moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Court Judge Contract; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

5. AB14-168: Ordinance No. 021/2014 Amending Parks Board and Planning Commission Term Limits; First Reading

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, gave background information on AB14-168, and answered Council questions thereto.

Councilmember Goering moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 021/2014, amending term limit requirements for the Monroe Parks Board and Monroe Planning Commission as defined in Chapters 2.16 and 2.32 of the Monroe Municipal Code to address partial terms served;

providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

FINAL ACTION

1. AB14-169: Ordinance No. 016/2014 Adopting MMC 2.80, Administrative Authority; Final Reading

Chief Timothy Quenzer gave background information on AB14-169, including noting that the first reading of this ordinance took place on November 18, 2014. This item is now before council for the second and final reading.

Councilmember Hanford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 016/2014, amending Title 2 MMC by the addition of a new chapter 2.80, Administrative Authority, thereto; authorizing the Monroe Chief of Police to promulgate and issue administrative regulations, rules, policies, guidelines and interpretations for the purpose of construing and enforcing specified city ordinances; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on the snow and reported on the pre-cut tree farm and the fun activities around Monroe.

Councilmember Gamble commented on his Holiday, the Seahawks, and the Bearcat Black '89ers (eight and nine year olds) football team the won the championship game.

Councilmember Davis commented that he is looking forward to the Monroe events on Saturday.

1. Finance/HR Committee (*Salary Commission; Fixed Assets Policy/Small & Attractive Items Policy*)

Councilmember Kamp reported on the Finance Committee meeting, including the Salary Commission, Fixed Asset Policy and Small and Attractive Items Policy; he also reported on his completion of the Citizens Academy and noted changes in Police Department, noted the prison tour; and he is looking forward to Saturday events.

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on his Holiday; he is looking forward to Saturday.

Mayor Thomas noted prior notice of Councilmember Cudaback's absence; no objections were noted.

Councilmember Hanford noted his great Holiday and the events in Monroe on Saturday.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the flood damage in the Sky River and Al Borlin Parks; Al Borlin is open, Sky River is still flooded; Wiggly Field is damaged; and answered question about fencing thereto. Mayor Thomas thanked Mr. Farrell and his Parks crew for efforts put in for the Light-Up Monroe event.

Ms. Nelson reported that the Auditor Exit Conference is December 17th, 4:30; Council is invited. She will otherwise report results.

Chief Quenzer reported on the Citizen Academy, which graduated almost 100%. Next Tuesday is graduation day for Monroe's new police officer Trevor Wilson.

Mr. Feilberg reported on the TIB grant awarded for Woods Creek Road to the trail up to The Farm; they were turned down for overlaying the Fryelands Blvd.; the open house on the Main and Lewis Streets project on December 11th; the SW Urban Growth Expansion; the Airport and options; and answered questions thereto.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Brazel noted the Brookdale ribbon cutting event he attended.

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings and events he has attended, including Airport meeting; Shop Local event; noted the Junction is open; and participated in the Wine Walk.

Councilmember Hanford gave official notice of his intent to rescind previous action taken on October 14, 2014, AB14-128, at the December 9, 2014, Council meeting.

1. Draft Agenda for December 9, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

City Administrator Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the December 9, 2014, Regular Business Meeting.

Councilmember Goering reported that he received communications from people about the Foothills asking about the stop sign; Mr. Feilberg answered questions thereto.

Mr. Brazel noted items on the extended agenda; and noted the Salary Commission discussion scheduled for January 6th.

Councilmember Hanford noted the Legislative Affairs Committee meeting is on December 9th, not December 16th as shown on the extended agenda.

Councilmember Hanford moved to cancel the December 23, 2014, Council meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble.

Council discussion ensued.

On vote,

Motion Failed (3-3).

Opposed: Goering, Kamp, and Davis.

The following Councilmembers noted dates they would be absent: Gamble will be out January 13, 2015; Hanford will be out on December 16, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Labor Negotiations [RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)] – (15 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session with the possibility of action afterwards, for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with legal counsel and to review the performance of a public employee [RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)]; and to discuss Labor Negotiations [RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)] for approximately 15 minutes; and read the appropriate citations into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:36 p.m.; was extended; and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Councilmember Kamp moved that the City Council amend the agenda for tonight's meeting by adding Council consideration and potential action approving a proposed Separation and Release Agreement; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Kamp moved that the City Council authorize the Mayor to negotiate and execute on the City's behalf a Separation and Release Agreement in substantially the form recommended in executive session, together with such minor revisions deemed by the Mayor to be necessary and appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering. On vote,


Motion carried (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Hanford and seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:21 p.m.


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor
Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of December 9, 2014.